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SUBJ: DEMURRAGE CHARGES

1. DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCES FROM HEAD OF FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS COMPANY AZMOUDEH AND FLAT PROMISE ON DECEMBER 1 FROM MINISTER OF COMMERCE TASLIMI THAT "DEMURRAGE CHARGES WILL BE PAID", VERY LITTLE PROGRESS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE ON THIS EXASPERATING PROBLEM. THEREFORE RAISED IT ON DECEMBER 5 WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY AND ASKED FOR SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT. HE EXPOSTULATED THAT DEMURRAGE BILLS WERE BEING PAID. RETORTED THAT THIS WAS NOT OUR UNDERSTANDING AND THAT NO CHARGES HAD BEEN PAID TO AMERICAN COMPANIES. IN MY PRESENCE ANSARY TELEPHONED AZMOUDEH. RESULT OF THIS CALL WAS THE ASSURANCE THAT CABLES ARE BEING SENT TO AMERICAN COMPANIES ASKING THEM TO SUBMIT THEIR BILLS SO THAT THEY CAN BE CHECKED OUT FOR ACCURACY. ANSARY CLAIMS THAT HE HAS ASKED AZMOUDEH TO GIVE HIM A COMPLETE LIST OF AMOUNTS OWED TO WHAT COMPANIES AND WHEN PAID. NOW WE WILL SEE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.

2. ANSARY EXPLAINED THAT REASON FOR HOLD-UP ON PAYMENTS OF DEMURRAGE CHARGES WAS THAT IT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ONE OR TWO CASES THAT THE AMOUNT BEING CHARGED TO THE FOREIGN TRANSACTION COMPANY WAS FAR HIGHER THAN WAS ACTUALLY PAID OUT TO SHIPPING COMPANY. THEREFORE IT BEHOOVES THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES TO EXAMINE EACH BILL MOST CAREFULLY. FYI ANSARY CLAIMS THAT RICELAND FOODS OF ARKANSAS IS ONE OF THESE OFFENDERS.

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